



**SAINT MARY**  
INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS

## Poland International Adoption

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The Founder and President of the agency, Lina Ratcheva, is a strong Christian. She built the agency on Christian principles. Personally, she believes that everything is part of God's plan and Saint Mary's is just a tool in carrying out His plan to save orphans and build families through the miracle of international adoption.

As a Christian agency, we believe as is written in Ephesians 1:5, "His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure." Therefore, as God adopted us, we love to serve Him through serving our parents who choose to adopt, not only because of the sacrifices they make, but because of the love they display. At Saint Mary's, the work belongs to Jesus Christ, we are only His vessels, He is working through us.

This includes everything from being accredited to having the long years of experience to lean on when serving our adoptive parents.

Also, we don't believe that simply providing a "sea of information" at once is "good enough" for the adoptive parents who are researching. So in addition to the information we provide, you can expect that someone from our agency would reach out to you and see if you have any questions about the process and how what you read in our information packet applies specifically to your family.

### **ABOUT SAINT MARY INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS**

Saint Mary International Adoptions connects children from Poland and Bulgaria with married couples and single women in all fifty states who wish to build their families through international adoption.

We welcome you to learn about us by reading the information on this site. We offer our services for Polish International Adoptions and Bulgarian International Adoptions.

The founder and president, Lina Ratcheva, PhD, is a strong Christian woman who embraces Christian principles in the agency's daily operations. The president's son, Nick, MBA, who is the Operations Manager takes pleasure in the opportunity to make St. Mary's parents' lives easier by providing personalized, easy-to-follow-instructions.

In addition, our entire staff consisting of MSW and BSW Social Workers is dedicated to providing the necessary resources for our St. Mary's Parents which includes everything from adoption education to emotional support. Saint Mary International Adoptions, is the primary provider for the country programs listed on the agency's website. This means that Saint Mary's does not use the services of any other US primary providers while delivering its adoptions services from these countries.

## **RESEARCH AND EDUCATION INFORMATION**

Adoption Institute – A source for research and education for adoptive parents.  
US Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families connects child welfare and related professionals to comprehensive information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families.

The World Fact Book – A CIA website with excellent information about countries' political and economical climates provides useful information in regards to selecting a country to adopt from.

Council on Accreditation – Information About Accredited Organizations and Programs.

US Department of State – A good resource for traveling tips and information.

## **Our Programs**

We focus on the counties of Poland, and Bulgaria. We believe these countries are a good choice for two primary reasons:

The adoption procedure is well established. The countries of Poland and Bulgaria are members of the Hague Convention, which has developed favorable international adoption requirements and procedures. For instance, they have Central Authorities which retain the orphans available for international adoption and secure the relinquishment of birth parents' rights.

## **Donate**

At Saint Mary's, we feel that it is our responsibility to help. We are dedicated to improving the physical and emotional well being of abandoned children living in orphanages in Eastern Europe in the countries of Bulgaria, Poland and Ukraine. Your donations will go towards improving the lives of these abandoned children by providing clothing, supplies, and medicine.

Saint Mary's is an IRS-approved tax-exempt 501(c)(3) foundation. Your donation is tax deductible and will be gratefully acknowledged with an IRS receipt letter for your files.

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